

## Granite, Crystal and North Crow reservoirs ★★★

**The buzz:** The fishing is quite good at both Granite and Crystal reservoirs, but it's a tad slower at North Crow. Those planning to camp during the Labor Day holiday are encouraged to make reservations since the park will likely be a popular destination.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Worms  
Salmon eggs  
Panther Martins  
Small Kastmaters  
Bead head prince nymphs  
Scuds  
Chironomids  
Copper Johns  
Woolly buggers

## Sloans and Absarraca lakes ★★½

**The buzz:** The fishing is good with the cooler weather. It's a nice option for some late day angling.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Powerbait  
Salmon eggs  
Adams  
Copper Johns  
Renegades

## Pole Mountain ★★★½

**The buzz:** The beaver ponds continue to offer some excellent action. Some of the ponds are getting low, but those with good water levels offer lively fishing. Watch for moss and other underwater vegetation, especially on the pond edges.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Night crawlers  
Elk hair caddis  
Parachute Adams  
Ants  
Beetles  
Zug bugs

Orange scuds  
Hare's ears

## Laramie Plains lakes ★★★

**The buzz:** The fishing is slow at Lake Hattie for those casting from the bank, but those out in boats are having better luck while trolling. The best action is at Meeboer and Leazenby, but it's also quite good at Twin Buttes and Gelatt.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Night crawlers  
Salmon eggs  
Parachute Adams  
Calibaetis cripples  
Soft hackle hare's ears  
Elk hair caddis  
Goddard caddis  
Stimulators

## Laramie River ★★½

**The buzz:** The river is a little off color but is clearing quickly with the calm and dry weather. The best action is at Jelm and Woods Landing.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Parachute Adams  
Stimulators  
Grey drakes  
Mosquitoes  
San Juan worms  
Hare's ears  
Copper Johns  
Vanilla buggers  
Pheasant tails

## Snowy Range ★★★½

**The buzz:** The high country continues to offer excellent fishing, with nice action throughout the day. Lake Owen is fishing very well while it's slower at Rob Roy Reservoir. Douglas Creek is also a bit of a hot spot.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Night crawlers  
Bead head prince nymphs



# FISHING REPORT

**Regional Overview** – There's a touch of fall in the air as the days grow shorter and nighttime temperatures drop. Splashes of gold and yellow appear amidst the still mostly-green aspen leaves, indicating the change of the season is upon us. In spite of that, this Labor Day weekend looks like a good one to get outside to toss a line, take a hike or enjoy a picnic lunch. Daytime temperatures are forecast to be a bit above normal for this time of year. Some afternoon showers are possible the next couple days, but even those will disappear by the weekend. The wind will kick up a bit in the afternoons but still is forecast to remain below 15 mph, which is pretty calm for southeast Wyoming.

### Ranking Categories

★ To ensure fish dinner, go to the local grocery store  
★★★★★ Toss a line and get a fish; the fish aren't picky

Copper Johns  
Chironomids  
Timberline emergers  
Lightning bugs  
Foam ants  
Stimulators  
Hot head leeches

## North Platte River and Encampment River – Saratoga Valley ★★★

**The buzz:** The upper reaches of the North Platte River are running low and clear with a flow of 139 cubic feet per second at the state line. That makes wade fishing quite easy. The Encampment River is down to 45 cubic feet per second,

and the fishing is tough in the middle of the day.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:  
Parachute Adams  
Green drakes  
Bead head prince nymphs  
Stonefly nymphs  
Trico spinners  
Stimulator  
Partridge caddis

## North Platte River – Gray Reef ★★★½

**The buzz:** The fishing continues to be very good with the flow steady around 2,000 cubic feet per second. Moss is problematic in some areas, requiring some good aim when casting to avoid snagging. As overnight temper-

atures cool, the fishing should take off. The cooler weather signals the transitioning to streamer action but there's still plenty of dry fly activity in the mornings. Grasshoppers are the ticket in the middle of the day.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

San Juan worms  
Copper Johns  
Squirrel nymphs  
Hare's ears  
Elk hair caddis  
Parachute Adams  
Trico spinners  
Grasshoppers

## North Platte River – Miracle Mile ★★★

**The buzz:** Reports are good for the Mile. Anglers report a bit slower action than on the Reef, but the fish sizes are impressive. The water levels are a bit lower at 1,000 cubic feet per second.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Red San Juan worms  
Stonefly nymphs  
Pale morning dun nymphs  
Hare's ears

## Glendo ★★½

**The buzz:** The fishing is slow, as is typical this time of year. Going into September, the fishing typically picks up with the cooler weather. The reservoir dropped some more last week but the ramps are open at Reno Cove, Whiskey Gulch and the marina. The mountain bike trails are in excellent shape.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Bottom bouncers  
Crank baits  
Jigging spoons

## Wheatland Reservoir No. 3 ★★½

**The buzz:** The fishing is good to

very good with angler numbers picking up. There's still plenty of elbowroom, though, thanks to the large size of the reservoir. The carp fishing is excellent.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Woolly worms and buggers (brown, black or olive)  
Adams  
Halfbacks  
Midges  
Ants

## Other Locations

If you've been fishing at any of the area waters and would like to submit a fishing report, please email: [atravsky@wyoming.com](mailto:atravsky@wyoming.com).

## Reservoir active conservation pool levels

Alcova – 98.0 percent full  
Boysen – 96.3 percent full  
Guernsey – 62.8 percent full  
Glendo – 41.5 percent full  
Gray Reef – 77.2 percent full  
Keyhole – 71.8 percent full  
Pathfinder – 81.0 percent full  
Seminole – 83.6 percent full

## River flows (in cubic feet per second)

North Platte River near Colorado state line – 139 cubic feet per second  
North Platte River above Seminole Reservoir – 364 cfs  
North Platte River near Miracle Mile – 1,001 cfs  
North Platte River at Gray Reef – 2,001 cfs  
Encampment River near town of Encampment – 45 cfs  
Encampment River above Hog Park – 33 cfs

## Boat ramp openings

Glendo Reservoir: Reno Cove, Whiskey Gulch and the Marina ramps are open.  
Guernsey Reservoir: The marina ramp is open.  
Boysen Reservoir: All ramps are open.  
Seminole Reservoir: All ramps are open.